

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held
In The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 23rd March 2010 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs D Lavington(Chairman), J Beresford-Smith, L Brass, P Blanking, R Clist, K Eardley, K Hawkins,
V Trenchard, V Pecchia and M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies : Cllrs A Creed, S Fremantle, M Johns, D Robins, M Willard

In attendance Village Hall Trustees = P Burcombe, C Bond, B Kallender, R Mimmack, G Richardson,

C-341 Replace Village Hall – G Richardson

An update on proposals presented and copy attached to these Minutes.

Briefly a bequest has established sufficient funds to contemplate a new "Village Hall" (not church Hall) for construction next year after the School has established its new School Hall, and ceased use of the existing church Hall.

Designs, planning applications, fund raising etc are proposed now and an update will be presented at the Parish Council's Annual Meeting on Thursday 22nd April.

The Trustees were thanked for their presentation, willing answers and perseverance in pursuing this much-needed facility.

C-342 Councillor Vacancy and Composition of Committees

(a) Cllr Lavington requested that non-attendees at Committee meetings should advise their apologies, and that vice-chairmen should be ready to report back to the Parish Council.

(b) Cllr Alan Wright has left the village and the vacancy is being advertised in the Annual Report.

An advertisement in the "Local Look" will be pursued.

MT

(c) The role of PC Internal auditor will be taken over by Cllr Clist – with grateful thanks from the PC.

C-343 Minutes of Meeting held 26th January 2010

Proposed V Trenchard } **RESOLVED** - That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded R Clist } (Unanimously)

C-344 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

(a) Nothing raised

C-345 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports

Planning & Environment - 2nd February 2010

(a) Comments advised on the proposed new School building. Our comments on the proposed construction site have been heeded and a new Application is proposed – but not yet available.

(b) A summary of the Valley Parish Alliance's (VPA) "common" comments on the Core Strategy has been prepared and will be issued to all Councillors.

DL

Proposed K Hawkins } **RESOLVED** - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded V Trenchard } (Unanimously)

Highways, Footpaths & Lighting – 2nd March 2010

(c) All items raised at the 22nd February Cluster Meeting were noted and issued to B&NES officers on 24th February when a site visit was arranged.

(d) The broken rail on Penthouse steps – reported in August 2009 – still to be repaired. The temporary plastic fence has collapsed. The officer to be chased (again) with ccs to Cllr Gerrish.

MT

(e) The road through The Shoe (in Wiltshire) is almost impassable.

Repairs to be urged – ccs to Peter Dawson.

MT

(f) Handyman M Plenty resigned in January and Handyman C Coxson resigned in February. Existing Handyman hours to be increased and new Handyman to be engaged – after his satisfactory January & February trials.

Proposed K Hawkins } **RESOLVED** - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded V Trenchard } (Unanimously)

Planning & Environment - 11th March 2010

(g) Residents complaints about doubling of bungalow in Northend received and the PEC endorsed its rejection.

(h) The PEC agreed with the St Catherines Meeting comments about the proposed indoor swimming pool at St Catherines Court. An Access Statement for construction traffic must be issued – and agreed.

(j) The new School Hall requested a resiting of the Biomass Heater and the PEC requested that the Biomass area be made a parking area – very useful to the proposed new Village Hall. And push for some reinstatement of the former allotments on this site. Copy of proposed site attached.

DL/DR

Proposed P Blanking } **RESOLVED** - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded V Trenchard } (Unanimously)

General Purposes – 16th March 2010

(k) Annual Report now at the printers (after more weekend working) and will be available for distribution next week.

(l) There are 5 rounds where we no longer have able distributors. Youth Club to assist?

MT

(m) The Valley Parish Alliance (VPA) is finalising its Constitution and hopes to 'launch' in mid-May.

(n) The designer of the Website will be initiating the launch in the next few days.

Proposed D Lavington } **RESOLVED** - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded J Beresford-Smith } (Unanimously)

C-346 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts

(a) JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2010 (All figures reviewed by the GPC)

Year-to-Date indicates an increase of £1521 in Income and a reduction of £9597 in Expenditure – vs budget
Explanations added to summaries when the outlook exceed Budget by 25%

Proposed J Beresford-Smith } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded V Trenchard } (Unanimously)

(b) Special Payments for APRIL / MAY 2010

BLA £650; Youth Club £1000; Play Area Repair £120; Loyalty Payments £440; Alliance £150

Proposed J Beresford-Smith } RESOLVED - That the Special Payments be approved
Seconded K Hawkins } (Unanimously)

(c) Papers received from Mazars – External Auditors – requiring completion by Internal auditor by end of June.

C-347 Park & Ride Application

- (a) 2 x Judicial Reviews in progress and will probably be heard together.
- (b) There is still a need for funds and sales of The Meadows painting and prints are being advertised.
- (c) The VCB Chairman has been invited to update the Annual Meeting on 22nd April in the church Hall, School Lane.

C-348 BLA Report

- (a) A Grand Opening of all the new Play Area facilities set for 15th May.
- (b) The 2 x concrete/wood seats (formerly by The Pavilion) need resiting from the proposed School Hall construction site and should be resited into the Play Area, at this time, for the Grand opening.
- (c) All of the football pitch will be renovated when use of the School Hall construction site is finished.

C-349 Annual Village Meeting 22nd April 2010

- (a) Annual Report should be available w/c 29th March for distribution.
- (b) School Hall booked, refreshments arranged and sound system to be borrowed. All speakers asked to update.
- (c) All Councillors asked to attend. ALL

C-350 Chairman's Report & Correspondence

- (a) Medical centre has commented on construction traffic and possible resiting of pinch-point at the Centre. Copy of letter attached. HLF
- (b) Directory of "Services for Older People" available with the Chairman.
- (c) NALC has issued the local authorities (Model code of conduct) Order 2007. to GPC for attention.

C-351 Clerks Report

- (a) B&NES is advertising the flower show from 1st to 3rd May.

C-352 Press Release

Nearer the time an article in The Chronicle about the Annual Meeting on 22nd April in the St Johns Church Hall MT

C-353 Date of next Meeting :-

Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (The Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Chairman..........Date.....11/5/2010